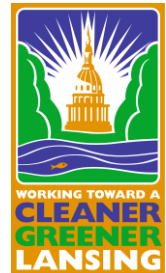




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200 North Washington Square to Close for Silver Bells Event.

The City of Lansing Public Service Department announces the closing of the **200 North Washington Square** block for the Lansing Board of Water and Light (BWL) Toy Mill.

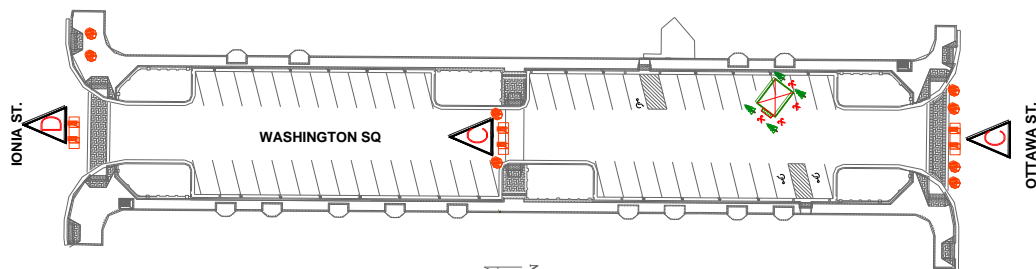
The 200 block of North Washington Square between Ottawa Street and Ionia Street, will be closed to traffic as it is transformed into a winter wonderland. The **BWL** will begin set up of the Toy Mill, a downtown tradition, **between 9:00 a.m. and noon on Thursday, November 20, 2014.** The Street will reopen once the area is secured and the Toy Mill is in place. The Street will again close on Friday, November 21, 2014 after 9:00 a.m. for final preparations for the Toy for Tot's kick off at Noon, all are welcome to attend.

The BWL will once again be using the Toy Mill as a centralized collection point while assisting the United States Marine Corp (USMC) in their annual **"Toys for Tots"** toy drive. The USMC will be accepting toys at this location from noon to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, November 21, 2014 as the City of Lansing celebrates the 30th anniversary of the **Silver Bells in the City** lighting of the State Christmas Tree.

"Toys for Tots" is a national program now in its 67th year. In the Greater Lansing area, representatives from the USMC distribute thousands of toys, games and other gifts to needy children during the Christmas Season. So, when you venture downtown on Friday, November 21st to join in the Silver Bells festivities, please consider bringing a new unwrapped toy and visit the military heroes at the BWL Toy Mill to help the USMC continue this tradition.

There will also be members of the USMC at all 6 Hospitality Locations; MI Historical Museum, Lansing Center, City Market, City Hall, CATA Transportation Center and Parade Staging Hospitality Tent,

The Toy Mill is scheduled to be removed on Monday, November 24th.



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